ties ought to be still more liberal. The Mysore Government had adopted a new system to ensure the representation of the unrepresented communities in service. There 75 per cent of the appointments is hereafter to be given to the un-represented communities. Such a system may be followed here also". "The matter will be considered", will the Government state.—

(a) what they have done in response to their assurance under reference ;

(b) why a similar question as above, admitted with about full three months' notice, has not been answered during the Legislative Session, 1111 of this Hon'ble House ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—(a) Vide answer to question No. 301.

(b) Because the matter was then under consideration.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Was not, Sir, an assurance given on the floor of this House that the, proportion kept up by the Staff Selection Board regarding the lower grades of service would be followed in the matter of appointments to the higher division also ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—As far as I know, no such assurance has been given.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—When a resolution was moved by the Hon'ble Member Mr. Krishnankutty was it not stated that although those appointments were not within the purview of the Staff Selection Board still as a matter of policy Government would be following the same proportion ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—No such statement was made. The statement made was to the effect that efficiency was the sole criterion in appointments to the higher division, but, other things being equal, efforts would be made to redress any grave inequalities in communal representation.

Staff Selection Board—recommendations accepted by Government.

303. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the number of candidates selected by the Staff Selection Board ;

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(2) the number of recommendations accepted by the Government with the reasons for the non-acceptance, if any?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.—(1) 364.

(2) 364.

Minimum qualifications—exemptions of.

304. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

whether the Government has any idea of exempting its servants in various departments who have already put in 12 years' service from the minimum qualification prescribed by the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.—No.

Age-bar—exemptions of.

305. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Public Service Commission has passed over the claims of certain candidates who have approved acting service, for the reason that they entered the service after their 25th year;

(b) do not the Standing Orders prohibit the appointment of candidates above 25 years of age;

(c) is it not therefore correct to presume that whenever a candidate above 25 years is appointed, *ipso facto* he is impliedly given exemption from age-bar;

(d) are the Government aware of the great hardships and extreme disappointment that would result, if fresh applicants are preferred to candidates who unfortunately entered the service after their 25th year?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

Municipal staff—appointments of.

306. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila)*.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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